

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: M. Nakamura, et al. CONFIRMATION NO: 2694

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Edwards, P. L.

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Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2005 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Applicants believe that a one-month extension of time is required since this response is being filed within one-month of the specified time period. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

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Dated: September 28, 2005

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